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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH GA: PLANNING FOR COSPONSORS
MEETING

SUMMARY: KOREA WARKING GROUP MET OCTOBER 5 TO
PLAN FOR NEXT COSPONSORS MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR
OCTOBER 12. WG SESSION REVEALED HIGH SENSITIVITY AMONG
WG MEMBERS TO TALK OF "COMPROMISE" AND INDICATED WE MAY
HAVE DIFFICULTY CONCERTING TACTICS OF KEY ROK SUPPORTER.
WG TO MEET AGAIN OCT. 9 TO CONTINUE PLANNING FOR
COSPONSORS MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FIRST COMMITTEE'S FINAL ADOPTION
OF AGENDA OCTOBER 5, KOREA WORKING GROUP STAFFS (US, UK,
AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, ROK; THAILAND ABSENT) MET TO PLAN
MEETING OF 21 COSPONSORS. ALL AGREED COSPONSORS
MEETING NOW DESIRABLE BECAUSE WE AT NEW STAGE, COSPONSORS
REQUIRE REPORT, AND WE NEED TO INSURE, BY GROUP SESSION,
UNIFIED COSPONSORS' APPROACH TO ISSUE. WG AGREED THAT
WE WOULD CALL COSPONSORS MEETING FOR OCTOBER 12, DAY
AFTER GENERAL DEBATE SCHEDULED TO END AND LAST DAY
BEFORE 1ST COMMITTEE BEGINS LOS DEBATE.

2. IN PLANNING FOR OCTOBER 12 COSPONSORS MEETING, WG
WENT OVER QUESTIONS LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY COSPONSOR
DELEGATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN
PROCEDURAL WRANGLES WITH SECRETARIAT, NEGOTIATIONS
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ON 1ST COMMITTEE AGENDA, LOBBYING ON RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

3. UK POINTED OUT THAT OTHER COSPONSORS WERE ALMOST
CERTAIN TO WISH TO PROBE ATTITUDES OF ROK AND KEY ROK

SUPPORTERS TOWARD POSSIBILITY OF AMENDING OUR RESOLUTION OR MERGING WITH HOSTILE RESOLUTION. THIS KICKED OFF DISCUSSION THAT MADE ALTOGETHER CLEAR THAT JAPANESE, AUSTRALIAN, UK AND ROK MISSIONS HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO DISCUSSION, IN CORRIDORS AND ELSEWHERE, OF POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE.

4. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SEPTEMBER 26 PRESS STATEMENT WAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION. (UNDER SECRETARY PORTER'S STATEMENT TO US-ROK ECONOMIC COUNCIL IN NEW YORK CITY (TOKYO 12966) WAS NOT.) LOBBYING DIFFICULTY OVER MEMBERSHIP PARAGRAPH WAS MENTIONED BY BOTH JAPANESE AND BRITISH, AND UNC PARAGRAPH ALSO DISCUSSED. AUSTRALIA'S OCTOBER 3 GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT WAS ONE FOCUS OF WG ATTENTION. AUSTRALIA MISOFF SAID HIS DELEGATION IS EXPLAINING INTENT OF WILLESSEE'S STATEMENT BY STRESSING THAT IT WAS EFFORT TO SHOW REASONABLENESS AND HOPE FOR CONCILIATION, WHILE STILL ARGUING FOR ADOPTION OF OUR RESOLUTION WHICH ITSELF EMBODIED COMPROMISE (SOFT WORDING ON MEMBERSHIP; FORWARD-LOOKING UNC PARA).

5. SUPPORTED PARTICULARLY BY UK, WE ARGUED THAT AT THIS STAGE OF ISSUE, FAILURE TO LOBBY FIRMLY FOR PRESENT WORDING AND AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION MERELY INVITED TARGET COUNTRIES TO RESIST COMMITMENT. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION, WE WARNED THAT CURRENT FOURTH PARAGRAPH OF OUR RESOLUTION ALREADY REPRESENTED SUBSTANTIAL USG CONCESSIONS, THAT USUN HAD NO AUTHORITY TO INDICATE FURTHER FLEXIBILITY ON THIS PARAGRAPH; OTHERS MUST EXPECT, IF COSPONSORS ON OCTOBER 12 URGE FURTHER CHANGES, THAT WE WOULD RESIST. WE STRESSED THAT IT IMPORTANT FOR WG DELEGATIONS, IN DEALING WITH OTHER COSPONSORS AND WIDER UN MEMBERSHIP, TO CONCERT POSITIONS, OTHERWISE OUR ABILITY TO GAIN SUPPORT WOULD BE HANDICAPPED SEVERELY.

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6. OCTOBER 5 WG MEETING CONCLUDED WITH AGREEMENT TO MEET AGAIN, ON AFTERNOON OCTOBER 9, TO CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR COSPONSORS MEETING.
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